U.S. UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION TIMELINE

18 Months Before Classes Begin

Leverage advisors, college fairs, & college websites to research options for colleges to apply. Consider factors like institution size, location, type (public/private), cost, majors, & career goals. This will help you identify institutions that meet your academic & financial needs.



12 Months Before Classes Begin



Register, prepare for & take required tests (SAT/ACT, English Proficiency). Narrow your college list to 10-12 based on fit. Show interest by connecting with university reps or participating in college information sessions.

September - December

After narrowing your college list to 6-10, request recommendations & transcripts. Complete & submit applications well before deadlines, including financial aid if needed. Track deadlines & communication, & consider campus visits to solidify your choices.



January - April



Upon receiving admissions & financial aid offers, choose your dream school & notify them. Craft a comprehensive financial plan, finalize tuition payments, secure housing, & budget for living expenses.

May - July

Secure your F-1 visa (SEVIS, Fee, Interview), book travel, & arrange housing. Consider a meal plan, register for classes, contact your future roommate, & stay connected with the admissions office for updates.



July - August



Attend orientation, set up a bank account, shop for dorm and class needs, and meet with your advisor to plan your courses.